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News bites

Year-round fire season

County fire officials are treating the winter like summer.

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Winter bugs

Influenza subsiding but measles threat is showing unusual increase.

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Aide to producers

Riverside County Film Commission's fee waivers bringing back local movie-making.

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Digital artistry

R.A. Ross-Clunis creates technical art for himself and other artists.

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New water manager

Tom Lynch replaces Terry Lyons as Idyllwild Water District's general manager.

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Rain relief may come this week

Politicians promise money for disaster relief

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

About 40 percent of the average rainfall from July through February has fallen on the Hill this year. Since Christmas, less than an inch has fallen during the two wettest months of the year. Between New Years Day and the end of February, more than 0.9 inches of rain fell on the Hill. This year, the statewide drought continues to set long-term records. But some relief may occur Friday

and over the weekend.

The National Weather Service is forecasting two storm systems will pass over the state and, particularly the second, from Friday to Saturday, will inundate Southern California with rain.

"The rain will become quite heavy and widespread by Friday afternoon and continue most of Friday night," said Alex Tardy, NWS meteorologist. "Snow levels starting off rather high over 7,000 feet before falling pretty quickly to 6,000 [el-

evation] Friday night. The rainfall amounts are widespread ... two to four inches of rain in the mountains and ... snowfall at least 6 to 12 [inches] above 6,000 feet."

After the final storm passes over the Hill Sunday, there may be 3 to 7 inches of snow above 5,000 ft. But these storms will not end the current drought and the NWS forecasts the dry conditions will continue through Spring.

Last week, Gov. Jerry Brown, accompanied by California Senate President Darrell Steinberg and Assembly Speaker John Pérez, announced plans to introduce legislation to address

the current statewide water shortage and its consequences.

"This is a call to action. We must all do our part to conserve in this drought," Brown said in a press release. "The state is doing its part by providing immediate funding for drinking water, food, housing and assistance for water-conserving technologies."

The legislation's principal component will be \$687 million to fund drought relief, including money for housing and food for workers directly impacted by the drought, bond funds for projects to help local communities more efficiently

capture and manage water and funding for securing emergency drinking water supplies for drought-impacted communities.

In addition to funding, the bill calls for the California Department of Public Health to adopt new groundwater replenishment regulations by July 1, 2014, and for the State Water Resources Control Board and the DPH to work on more measures to allow for the recycled-water use and storm-water capture for increasing water supply availability.

The bill also makes statutory changes to ensure existing water rights laws are followed,

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Snakes arrive early at local animal sanctuary

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

On Monday, Feb. 17, Rudolph Nuñez, senior tree and groundskeeper at Living Free Animal Sanctuary, was surprised to find a 5-foot gopher snake emerge from under a pile of abated trees and brush located near what Living Free staff call Sanctuary Road.

"I've been catching reptiles all of my life really. In all my life, I've never caught a snake in February, no matter how many sticks I rolled over or how much abatement I have done. Usually, this time of year the snow is melting off," he said. "Snakes are out about the end of May, early June

through October, and then they start to fade in October, if we have a winter, which we haven't. That was the thing, it was just unusual."

And while no rattlers have been spotted yet, Nuñez expects they, too, may arrive early. "I usually see them around late May or early June, but I think we'll be seeing them sooner rather than later," he said. In addition to the gopher snake, Nuñez has seen other reptiles. "We've been seeing all kinds of different lizards that are never out this time of year. I don't even see a lizard until about late April or early May," Nuñez added.

It seems, too, that plants and flowers have been fooled by the unseasonably warm weather. "Everything is start-



Rudy Nuñez with a gopher snake he caught unseasonably early.

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ing to bloom at Living Free. I said, 'Wait a minute, I've never had to spray Roundup© in the winter,' and it looks like we're going to have to batch up a bunch of Roundup© just to get

control on some of the overgrown weeds," Nuñez said, shaking his head. "We're doing massive abatement right now just trying to get a cap on that. It's amazing how much stuff is blooming;

all of the trees that would normally not be in bloom right now are."

Bark beetles also are a concern. Trees impacted by the lack of water are more

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Editor's note: The logs will now be categorized by area.

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Tuesday, Feb. 18 to Monday, Feb. 24:

Idyllwild

- Feb. 18** — False alarm, Idyllwild.
- Feb. 19** — Medical assist, Idyllwild.
- Feb. 20** — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- Feb. 21** — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- Feb. 22** — Rescue, Idyllwild.
- Feb. 23** — Camper or RV fire, Idyllwild.
- Feb. 24** — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday, Feb. 16 to Saturday, Feb. 22:

Idyllwild

- Feb. 16** — Vehicle theft, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Unfounded.
- Feb. 16** — Burglary, 54000 block of River Dr., Idyllwild. Report taken.
- Feb. 16** — Follow-up, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 16** — Public disturbance, address undefined,

Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 18 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Fern Leaf Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 18 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Hemstreet Pl., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 18 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Falling Leaf Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 18 — Burglary, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 18 — Assist other department, 54000 block of Village Center Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 20 — Petty theft, 25000 block of Cedar St., Idyllwild. Report taken.

Feb. 21 — Burglary, 54000 block of Jameson Rd., Idyllwild. Report taken.

Feb. 21 — Battery, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Report taken.

Feb. 21 — Suspicious person, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 21 — Petty theft, 53000 block of Deer Foot Ln., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 22 — Suspicious circumstance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 22 — Vehicle theft, 54000 block of Strawberry Valley Dr., Idyllwild. Report taken.

Pine Cove

Feb. 18 — Incurable

minor, address withheld, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 19 — Petty theft, 25000 block of Franklin Dr., Pine Cove. Report taken.

Feb. 20 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Franklin Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 21 — Danger to self or other, 24000 block of Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove. Report taken.

Feb. 22 — Suspicious circumstance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 22 — Vehicle burglary, 52000 block of Cedar Crest Dr., Pine Cove. Report taken.

Poppet Flats

Feb. 17 — Area check, 45000 block of Big Horn St., Poppet Flats. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

Feb. 17 — 911 call, 35000 block of Reed Valley Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 18 — 911 call, 35000 block of Reed Valley Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

Feb. 20 — 911 call, 35000 block of Reed Valley Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.



About 2 p.m. Sunday, Idyllwild Fire responded to a report of a vehicle fire in front of Mountain Top Liquor. Several locals had already put out the fire when emergency crews arrived. But the crew ensured the fire was fully extinguished.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Snakes

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vulnerable to the bark beetle because their normal defenses are inhibited. Healthy trees produce sap or pitch that covers the attacking beetle, but in drought conditions, trees do not have the necessary stores of water to aid in sap production. "If we were getting the water that we normally would, [the bark beetles] would be at bay, so to speak," said Nuñez. He said Josh Whitney, owner of Pacific Slope Tree Company, who has been aiding in the abatement efforts at Living Free, concurs. "Me and Josh were talking when he was up [at Living Free] and he said, 'It's really scary, not just for fire season, but we stand to lose a lot of trees; the bark beetle gets really activated during these drought conditions,'" Nuñez recounted.

An aggressive new abatement program at Living Free headed up by Facilities Manager Ray Barmore, Nuñez believes, will make all the difference come fire season. The Mountain Fire in July of last year left a natural fuelbreak, but much more needs to be done to ensure that a fire does not approach the Living Free property. "Before it was basic, routine fire abatement; now it's extensive. Now we're taking things out that should have been taken out a long time ago; thinning things out," Nuñez said. "The trees alone in certain areas of the property are just too thick and they are choking each other out because they are too close to each other. They need to be thinned out so that they can grow better."

"It's going to be an interesting fire season. I hope the rain helps, but I think we're in for a long hot one," said Barmore. "I've been around the property for a long, long time and we're trying to keep it beautiful out here."

If news reports are correct, Idyllwild should be receiving some fairly significant rain and snow toward week's end with the approaching storm, and few people are more pleased than Nuñez. "We're ready for the coming storm, we've cleared culverts and graded out roads, and access routes for the fire department if they need it, and we're definitely ready for it. We're really looking forward to some weather," Nuñez said.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 2/27	Friday 2/28	Saturday 3/1	Sunday 3/2	Monday 3/3
55/34 <small>Mostly Cloudy with a chance of showers</small>	49/32 <small>Showers with Thunderstorms</small>	42/31 <small>Rain and Snow Showers.</small>	48/32 <small>Mostly Cloudy with a chance of showers</small>	52/34 <small>Mostly Cloudy with a chance of showers</small>

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
2-18	67	40			59	22		
2-19	67	41			57	21		
2-20	64	42			58	21	1.28	11.8
2-21	67	41			na	na		
2-22	65	40			58	16		
2-23	69	39			51	37		
2-24	70	40			na	na		

Moisture in inches	Snow in inches
To date this season (Idy): 8.07	To date this season (Idy): 2.7
To date last season (Idy): 11.39	To date last season (Idy): 28.9
Total last season (Idy): 14.02	Total last season (Idy): 42.8
To date this season (PC): 8.04	To date this season (PC): 8.5
Total last season (PC): 19.94	Total last season (PC): 44.75

TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate, also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit the Internet at <http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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Drought exacerbates fire season threats

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While an official forecast for this summer's fire season is still several months away, the current situation and weather forecasts are foreboding, according to Tim Chavez, the Riverside County Fire Department's Beaumont battalion chief. He spoke at the Feb. 13 Mountain Emergency Service Committee meeting.

"Did the 2013 fire season end? No, we're still staffed for summer," Chavez said. "It's happened before so it's not unprecedented." As a firefighter, he remembers when 1976 and 1980 seemed like year-round fire seasons.

Since October, Riverside has received less than 10 percent of normal rainfall. Further emphasizing the change, Chavez noted that for the past 12 to 18 months the bulk of local rain has come in the summer. "Is that the new normal — like Arizona and New Mexico?" he asked.

Lack of rain has been most obvious in the past year, but the signs and indicators of drought, which cli-

matologists employ, demonstrate that it began more than four years ago. Cal Fire's February "Seasonal Outlook" says, "California is currently experiencing its fourth-driest 36-month period on record."

"Most of the state still remains in severe to extreme drought," said Alex Tardy, National Weather Service meteorologist.

Plants need moisture to sustain growth but also to protect themselves from the same heat and dryness humans endure. Lack of significant rain in the long term has drastically reduced vegetative moisture. Chavez explained that many native bushes withdraw moisture from branches and limbs and direct it to the roots. Consequently, the dry vegetation increases the risk of fire intensity and spread.

"At Keenwild [Ranger Station], I believe it's the worse ever," Chavez noted. "The fuel moisture readings at Anza are way below the worst in the past 10 years."

"At this time of year, we expect the hills to be turning green [with new vegetation], but that's not happening," he lamented.

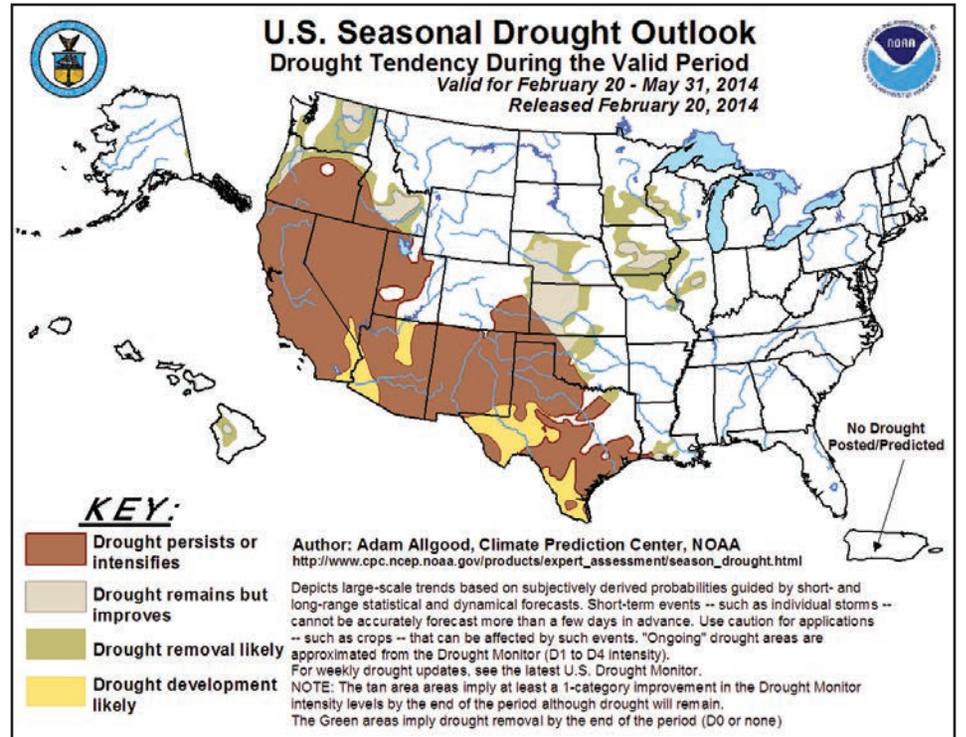
"It's even worse if some rain encourages grasses to appear with all these dry fuels."

The NWS forecasts, whether for the next two weeks or the next six months, predict below-average rainfall for Southern California.

"I'm sorry, but it will be a tough six to eight months," Chavez warned.

In other business, Kathleen Henderson, emergency services coordinator for the mountain, said she would develop a list of goals and objectives for MEMSCOMM and invite speakers to discuss these. For example, future meetings will cover such topics as an updated resource guide, community health issues, the roles of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit and the Mile High Radio Club, local insect problems and the annual fall Shake Out exercise.

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The National Weather Service is forecasting that the drought conditions will persist through spring despite the rain forecast for this weekend.

MAP COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Rain

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including streamlined authority to enforce water rights laws and increased penalties for illegally diverting water during drought conditions.

The proposal com-

plements the governor's "California Water Action Plan" released last month. The plan will guide state efforts to enhance water supply reliability, restore damaged and destroyed ecosystems, and improve the resilience of the state's infrastructure.

Already, the U.S. Bu-

reau of Reclamation has announced that no water may be available for agricultural water customers in the Central Valley this year. That may affect the acreage planted later this year, but is unlikely to affect Imperial Valley farmers.

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On Feb. 15, the Idyllwild School basketball teams participated in a middle school tournament in Anza at Hamilton High School. The boys team defeated both Cottonwood and Hamilton to win the tourney. Team members are (kneeling, from left) **Stephan Carman** and **Jake Maberry**. In the middle row (front left) are **Kevin Posey**, **Cody Espinosa**, **Ty Bride**, **Evan Biley**, **Noah Rutherford** (holding trophy) and **Zen Rose**. Standing in the rear (from left) are **Raul Pimentel**, Coach **Brennen Priefer** and **Chance Vladika**. PHOTO BY JESSICA PRIEFER



On Feb. 15, the Idyllwild School basketball teams participated in a middle school tournament in Anza at Hamilton High School. The girls team defeated both Hamilton and Cottonwood, holding both opponents to less than 10 points for the game. Team members kneeling in the front row are from left **Maggie McKimmon**, **Payton Priefer** (holding trophy), **Amy McKimmon** and **Destiny Mikroulis**. Standing in the back row from left are **Sidney Cruz**, **Miren Pino**, **Abby See**, **Aubrey Crump**, **Sara Goins** and Coach **Tom Dillon**. PHOTO BY JESSICA PRIEFER



Third grade Idyllwild School teacher **Sally Salter** selected as students of the week **Octavia Severa**, (left) for her kindness to everyone; she comes to school ready to learn and is a true scholar; and **Victoria Lovett** (right) for curiosity, eagerness to learn and creative writing. "Both of these young ladies have a great attitude toward learning and school," Salter said.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Coed Volleyball

Coordinator **Ginger Dagnall** gave this report:

No games were played Presidents Day holiday week.

This week, Idyllwild Inn seeks to secure its spot in first place with 11 wins, 2 losses. [Monday night's game, however,

was canceled.]

Silver Pines will fight to keep its second-place spot with 10 wins, 3 losses.

Idyllwild Garage is in third place with 8 wins, 5 losses. They'd better be on their toes against Cafe Aroma.

Forest Lumber is in the playoffs with 7 wins, 6 losses.

Mountain Fire Closure Area Wood Collection Outreach

The Forest Service will be authorizing access within designated areas of the Mountain Fire Closure area for the purpose of a limited firewood collection event only. A letter of Authorization will be provided to the permitted woodcutters for the following areas and dates; Forest roads 5S02, 5S05 and 5S21 within the 2013 Mountain Fire Closure Area on March 8-10, and 29-31 during the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Currently the Mountain Fire burn area is closed to the public pursuant to Closure Order No. 13-18. The purpose of the order is to provide for public safety, protect natural resources, and promote the recovery of the burned area.

For more information please contact the Idyllwild Ranger Station at (909) 382-2921 or Ed Wieringa at 909-382-2950, or come in to the Idyllwild Ranger Station at 54270 Pincrest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday through Tuesday. Please note the front desk is closed from 12:00 - 1:00 pm during regular business hours and on Wednesday and Thursday.

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Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** (right) handed a coffee mug to **Martin Kubelik** in thanks for speaking at the Rotary's Feb. 21 meeting. **Chuck Weisbart** (left), the Rotary foundation chair this year, invited Kubelik to speak about the historical architecture in Europe. PHOTO BY RICK FOSTER



From left, general managers **Jerry Holldber** (Pine Cove Water District) and **Steve Erler** (Fern Valley Water District) and **Mark Yardas** (facilitator of Idyllwild Conversations) PHOTO BY RICK BARKER

Clubs

Idyllwild Conversations

The next Conversation will be entirely devoted to practical things an Idyllwilder can do to lower their water consumption. Guest speaker for the evening will be an expert on gray water. Other topics will include rain barrels and conservation methods.

The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Idyllwild Library. The public is invited to attend this free event.

MDP mounts donation drive, offers training classes

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Mountain Disaster Preparedness met Feb. 18 to discuss the organization's plans and receive status updates on several items.

Annamarie Padula continues to update the MDP database by merging lists and undertaking a postcard campaign to verify contact information where only addresses exist in the database. The email campaign aimed at verifying contact info has been completed.

The Public Relations Committee has launched a campaign to solicit much-needed donations for the MDP by placing letters in each mailbox at the Idyllwild Post Office.

Medical Reserve Corp. certification classes will be offered on March 8 and 15 at the Idyllwild Library. The class does not require prior medical training. Members of the public that want to assist in first aid and medical triage are encouraged to attend.

President Mike Feyder acknowledged that Kathleen Henderson of the Office of Emergency Services has replaced Gina Moran-McGough who was promoted. Henderson will attend the community meeting scheduled for March 18. "The community meeting will focus on the lessons we learned from the fire [Mountain Fire in July of 2013], particularly the lessons learned from the evacuation," Feyder said. "Barry Shapiro [owner of Idyllwild Pharmacy] will talk about what is needed to put together medical

supplies for a go bag." Evacuees of the Mountain Fire had more notice than the folks impacted by the Silver Fire in August last year. "Residents evacuated as a result of the Silver Fire had no time to prepare, they had five minutes to take what they could," said Feyder. "Preparation is important."

For the first time, the American Red Cross will offer a series of training classes here in Idyllwild starting on Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The classes will focus on shelter operations training and those certified will be qualified to open and work within a shelter.

"The focus for the MDP this year is training, training, training," Feyder said.

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One of the bills I encourage you to vote for on the June ballot will amend

the state Constitution to incorporate the California Public Records Act.

Though that act is currently state law, government officials constantly challenge it because the act is yet another rule requiring them to be open and honest with public taxpayers — and that just doesn't sit well with many officials, both at higher levels as well as local levels of government.

As early as last year, the Legislature OK'd certain "options," no longer "requiring" but encouraging "best practices," as to certain provisions in the act. These provisions, as are usual when officials take sides with government vs. taxpayers, would have weakened the CPRA.

California newspapers and open government supporters raised a ferocious and justifiable outcry.

So why is Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 on the ballot and why am I encouraging you to vote in its favor? I mean, if all we have to do as open government advocates is stomp our feet and write editorials (it's what we like to do, right?) every time the CPRA is threatened, why is this bill on the ballot?

The Legislature backed down but not without much unnecessary cost to the taxpayers. The Legislature approved the new options, costing much money. The Legislature then revoked the provisions, costing much money. And wouldn't it be interesting to know how much that provision cost us last year?

We pay our officials and their staff to enact smart laws on our behalf. This 2013 move did nothing on our behalf.

SCA 3 will incorporate the CPRA and the Ralph M. Brown Act into the state Constitution, making it a solid law that government officials at all levels must comply with the act — as well as pay for that compliance. So, just like the Ralph M. Brown Act — another state open government law — the Legislature can no longer fool around with our right to know where our tax-paying dollars are being spent.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Lauren Salter, our local Olympic contender

EDITOR:

Olympics. I have been enjoying the games and the excitement and am amazed at how close winning a run or a slide or any one of the events can be. And I think of Lauren Salter who is an Olympic hopeful right here in our midst. She's one of us, a home-town girl and she's wanting to qualify for the next winter Olympics but she needs our help.

Her needs are many: a new sled, runners for her sled, helmets and spikes, and speedsuits and monies for use of practice runs and air travel to events.

Oh, and she needs to eat and a place to live. We, as a community, have helped our locals in the past with many different endeavors and dreams, and I appeal to your generosity now to help Lauren realize her dream of being an Olympian in 2018.

Most people watching the Olympic Games on TV don't realize that only .000000421429577-percent of the world's population is a Sochi Olympian.

It is incredibly difficult to make an Olympic team, and those athletes make it look far easier than it is. But that's the point: These are the best athletes in the world. Even to be what Lauren is, an Olympic Development hopeful, is incredibly unusual.

It's also incredibly expensive. The USA Bobsled and Skeleton team estimates that an elite athlete like Lauren should budget more than \$40,000 annually to run with the world's best. There is zero support from the government or from the team, so these young athletes have two full-time jobs, but with a difference — one of those jobs sucks up all of the money earned from the other, and a lot more.

An Olympic team isn't made in a year, two years or three years. It's made over a long period of time. The average level of experience on the USA's

skeleton team is about 12 years. Over that time, a skeleton athlete — or slider, as they call themselves (that's our Lauren) — may go through four or five custom-built sleds at a minimum cost of \$8,500 each; countless runners at more than \$800 per set; any number of \$400 helmets and spikes; and several speedsuits each running to \$700.

What's more, she has to pay about \$30 out-of-pocket for each of the hundreds of practice runs taken over that time and pay to fly to competitions around the world (including an extra \$150 baggage charge for the sled).

No corporate sponsorships exist outside the six or seven household names in figure skating or downhill skiing. Everyone else you are watching on TV relies on family, friends, hometown neighbors and businesses, and those exceedingly rare angels who sometimes drop three- and four-figure checks from the skies. Even gold medal winners are in debt and have sometimes had to rely on food stamps.

That one of our own has the chance to be among the best in the world at something — at anything — is a thrilling thought, and we should all try to do something to help out. Every donation is valuable but it's an on-going need.

The next Olympics are four years away. I see some local names on her sponsor list. Perhaps a few more of our local businesses and individuals could subscribe a monthly donation, or maybe someone knows someone at a corporation who wants to take a chance on an Olympic hopeful. Or maybe there are some more angels in our hometown.

Lauren can be contacted (and donations can be made) through her website — dashofsalter.com. I know our town can make itself proud by continuing to support Lauren in her quest for an Olympic gold medal.

**IVA BOTTON
IDYLLWILD**

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE HILL?



Can you identify the above photo's location? Last week's photo was correctly identified by **Ben Mettler, Rebecca Knaper and Yvonne Smith** as a corner of Hilltop Realty at Mountain Center. Knaper's name got pulled from the hat, so she gets the Rustic Theatre tickets this week.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

This week you are again challenged to identify the particular spot depicted in this Hill photograph. It might be the exterior of a building or surrounding grounds of a commercial, governmental or nonprofit premises, or a public place in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley or Mountain Center. The prize is tickets to the Rustic Theatre, your picture in the Town Crier, and life membership in the No. 1 Hillbilly Detective Agency. If there is no winner during a week, the ticket prizes will accumulate.

Open to all ages. Only one entry per household. It doesn't matter how you submit your entry, as long as it's in writing, delivered by noon Monday (or Tues-

day if the Town Crier office is not open Monday) to the Town Crier, attn: Jack, and you convince the judge that you found the exact spot. Just saying something like, "The wall around _____ restaurant" is not enough. You must describe the actual spot by pacing off or some other specific description. Taking your own photograph of the spot would be ideal, but is not necessary to win as long as you persuade the judge that you have found the exact spot depicted in the contest photo. The decision of the judge is final. If there is no winner, clues will be given and the weekly prizes will accumulate. This is not a race. If there is more than one person with a correct answer, a drawing will determine the winner, so keep your answer to yourself. Check out this week's new photo.

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The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps).

Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (Becky@towncrier.com).

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LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

An unexpected treat ...

About a month ago I received an unexpected email. It was from my stepdaughter, Kathryn Gille. We had lost touch and have since reconnected.

It had been about three years since we have seen each other. I thought she may have aged a little but no, she never ages. She is tall and beautiful.

When I introduced her to friends, I jokingly asked if they noticed the striking resemblance. Kathryn has dark hair and big blue eyes, and she towers over me.

Most of the weekend was spent catching up on our lives. I had a thoroughly wonderful weekend.

Friday night we had dinner at the Gastrognome. I had the trout. Yummy. Along with my martini, the trout was great. It was the second time I had ordered the trout in two weeks and if you haven't tried it, it's so good.

Next we hit the Idyll Awhile wine bar, sipped wine and listened to Sandii Castleberry sing her heart out. We headed to the Lumber Mill to catch some dancing music and sip more wine. OK, we did sip a bit of wine.

We headed home late. I'm not used to staying out so late, so I slept in Saturday.

Saturday night we dined at La Bella Montagna. I had pasta with their marinara sauce. Wonderful. Kathryn ordered the pasta with jumbo shrimp. When I saw her plate I wanted it. She did share a couple of shrimp with me.

Then it was off to Jo'An's to listen to Juls Phillips and Frank Orlando perform and, of course, sip more wine. I tried to give Kathryn a culinary overview of Idyllwild in one weekend. We had to cram it in. Sunday brunch at the Gastrognome finished the weekend.

She went home to San Marcos on Monday. I miss her already. Kathryn is beautiful inside and out. OK, now I am boasting. It was a great weekend with excellent dining experiences.

Now I have somewhere to go when I take a vacation — San Marcos.

Thank you all for letting me share my weekend with you. No recipe this month, just my story. Enjoy.

Free lunch every Thursday

Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church at 25525 Tahquitz Drive offers a free, warm lunch through the cooperation of Christina Nordella and Fairway Market. The Caring Community Lunch is open to anyone.



Outdoor skills from local experts ...

One of the best ways I've found to get myself outside and enjoying nature is to take up a new outdoor skill.

While some people can just adopt a new activity without investing much learning time, most of us need some coaching. That's why I recommend learning your new skill from a true expert in a safe, fun environment.

Below are a few of my personal favorites.

Archery is on the comeback in a big way. It's a skill that combines mental acuity, physical strength and coordination along with the pure zen-like joy of challenging yourself to hit the target whether it be for hunting or simply hitting a hay bale.

It's a great skill for kids. I've loved archery ever since I was old enough to pull back a bowstring. Nothing brings me to my happy place faster than a good bow, a bunch of arrows and a target.

Check out Rough Rider's Sporting Goods downtown. It's got a full complement of bows as well as an indoor range. All skill levels are welcome and from ages 6 to 106. Lessons run \$10 a half-hour. It's also starting an afterschool program with Town Hall. How cool is that?

While you're there, don't forget to check out some of its other outdoor offerings, from backpacking and hiking goodies, to hunting gear and beyond.

Do you like the feel of air rushing by your face as you bounce down the mountain at high speed? Or just want a leisurely ride through the pines while checking out scenery as you go?

Good thing for us in Idyllwild we have a great mountain bike trail system, and a great cycle shop to



BY HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

help us get started.

The Hub Cyclery has a lot going on. Every Saturday morning it holds rides. Also, it is involved in many different biking events (including the Stagecoach 400 coming up in March).

If you're interested in overnight "bikepacking" rides — like backpacking, but with a bike — ask in at the shop for tips and resources. It also rents out bikes so if you have friends coming up for the weekend, make sure to check out the Hub. Don't forget to stop in the shop for

your new mountain biking trail map.

Rock climbing and wilderness first aid: Let's face it, we live in a rock-climbing mecca. Always wanted to learn rock climbing but didn't know who to trust to take you?

If you'd like to learn but don't have an inside connection with an experienced and safe climbing guide, spending time with Wilderness Outings will definitely do the job.

It has a history of more than 25 years for providing excellent outdoor classes, from rock climbing to backpacking and navigation. Its rock climbing guides are permitted to legally operate in our area and are also fully insured. Not everyone is, so new climber beware.

Wilderness Outings also offers more practical skills, such as wilderness first aid. It offers one of the top courses in Southern California. It hosts most of its classes right here in Idyllwild. This is one of the best such courses I have ever attended and I have taken a lot of wilderness first aid.

Note: None of these businesses solicited me for column space, I just happen to like them and what they do for our outdoor community.

Modifying online health program

In response to requests for modifications and enhancements to the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) portal, Covered California suspended this component of SHOP to implement a series of redesigns. Meanwhile, enrollment in SHOP will continue via paper applications.

"The SHOP portal was not meeting the needs of agents or small employers and needed improve-

ments," said Covered California Executive Director Peter V. Lee. "Taking the portal offline will not affect the paper application process, which has been the preferred enrollment method traditionally used by insurance agents in the small-group market."

The online portal for SHOP enrollment went offline Feb. 12, and is projected to be back online in the fall of 2014. Small-business owners can contin-

ue enrolling in SHOP by calling the SHOP Service Center or working with a Certified Insurance Agent.

Representatives of the SHOP Service Center are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-877-453-9198. The Service Center can assist both small-business owners and Certified Insurance Agents with paper application enrollments, along with answering questions about existing

applications. To date, the vast majority of SHOP enrollments have been submitted using paper applications.

As of Jan. 31, 2014, 571 groups were enrolled in Covered California's SHOP, representing 4,490 individuals. SHOP is currently processing another 200 group applications, representing 1,200 individuals. Small businesses can enroll in SHOP plans year-round.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 10.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 951-659-2844.
- Living Gracefully With Pain, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Community Room; Spanish Class for Homeschoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3-fifth grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, Feb. 27

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Friday, Feb. 28

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sieras at 951-659-5932 for infor-

mation and location.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (The Courtyard.)
- Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.

Saturday, March 1

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, Zen-style from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Contact Valerie Kyoshin Velez for more information at 951-392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com.
- Wiccan Dedication Study Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Unclaimed Property, How to Find the Money, 2-2:30 p.m.; Stratford Players Audition, 2:30-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, March 2

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Monday, March 3

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee,

2 p.m. Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.
- Mountain Non-fiction Writers Group, 7 p.m. For information and address, call Larry Kueneman. 951-659-2567.

Tuesday, March 4

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) and Senior Food Sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Covered California, 4-6 p.m.; Idyllwild Conversations, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries,

54960 Pine Crest Ave.

- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, 951-763-5324.
- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 951-659-2167.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet.

Wednesday, March 5

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Living Gracefully With Pain, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Spanish Class for Homeschoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
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Crest Ave.

- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle

Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship

Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm 659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

Christian Science Church

25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.

Community Presbyterian Church

54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available
• Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Idyllwild Bible Church

25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.
Hymn Singing 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church

54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;
Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

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54295 Village Center Dr.w
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs.
Bible Study 7 pm

Spiritual Living Center

Idyllwild Religious Science
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;

Yokoji Zen Mountain Center

58900 Apple Canyon Rd., Mtn. Center, CA 92561
Zen Buddhist Retreat and Practice Center
Sunday Program 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Morning and evening Zen Meditation: Wed.-Sun.
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Please call 951-659-5272 or visit <http://zmc.org> for more info.



Lodging Directory of Idyllwild

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on 3 ac. • www.thebluebirdcottageinn.com • Dogs welcome
26905 Hwy. 243 • (951) 659-2696

The Fireside Inn & Cabins • Fireplaces, TV/DVD players, pets welcome • 1-877-797-3473
54540 North Circle Dr. • www.thefireside-inn.com

Alhatti Private Christian Resort
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Check out our Lodging Directory Website at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com

Flu season appears to be abating, although deaths continue

Measles outbreak in Southern California

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Although deaths in California from influenza virus rose to 278 people under ages 65, other signs indicate that the flu season is beginning to abate.

In California, both outpatient visits and hospitalizations have decreased for two consecutive weeks and are within or below levels that would be expected at this point in the flu season. Nationwide the number of visits to health-care providers for influenza-like illnesses decreased last week.

"We're clearly seeing a steady decline in activity over this period," said Dr. Gil Chavez, deputy director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at the California Department of Public Health. "The outpatient visitors declined to below-expected levels and hospital patients decreased. It's fortuitous that that's slowing down. By April, the season should calm down."

Last week in Riverside County, both indicators continued to decline gradually from two weeks ago. Visits to Riverside County emergency departments for influenza-like illness fell from 12 to 9.6 percent. Also, the number of students absent due to illness dropped from 13 to 7.6 percent last week, which is below the normal limits for this point in the flu season.

Last week another 35 influenza-related deaths were confirmed for a total of 278, of which six have been children. Ten deaths attributable to influenza have occurred in Riverside County. Another 29 deaths in people under age 65 are being investigated.

Three-quarters of reported influenza deaths in persons under age 65 have occurred in people with underlying medical conditions. Most of those with reported influenza deaths had an onset of illness in previous weeks.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

High school senior scholarship

The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties is accepting applications for The Altura Credit Union Foundation Scholarships through March 10.

Each year, The Altura Credit Union Foundation awards monetary scholarships to Riverside County high school seniors pursuing a college education.

Scholarships are available from three separate funds, each of which has different criteria. Students applying for any of the Altura Credit Union Foundation scholarships need to fill out only one application. Students should highlight their academic achievement, community service/extracurricular activities, financial need and personal character/leadership qualities.

To download an Altura Credit Union Foundation Scholarship application, visit www.thecommunityfoundation.net and navigate to the "For Students" link. For assistance, call The Community Foundation at 951-241-7777.

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Measles has broken out in California. On Friday, the California Department of Public Health confirmed 15 cases of measles in the state, compared to two at this time in 2013. Three were in Riverside County and another eight reported in Los Angeles and Orange counties. The ages of these 15 individuals range from 5 months to 44 years.

Since 2000, when measles was declared eliminated in the United States, the number of annual cases had declined substantially. In 2005, California recorded only four measles cases, the lowest number ever. The number of California measles cases has ranged from four to 40 annually, according to Dr. Gil Chavez, deputy director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at the California Department of Public Health.

"Unfortunately, we are off to a very bad start in 2014," Chavez said. "The cases have occurred throughout California. At this time last year, we had only recorded two cases

... We expect to see many more cases unless people take precautionary measures."

Two of the county's measles cases were linked to the initial case, according to Chief Barbara Cole, county's Disease Control Branch. "For Riverside County, we usually have one or two cases annually. In some years, there are no cases."

Because measles is highly contagious, Cole recommends parents who suspect their children may have contracted the disease to keep them at home and contact their health-care provider. Fever, cough and rash are the symptoms to be alert for, she added.

The measles vaccine has essentially eliminated the measles virus in the U.S., however, travelers to locations outside the U.S. may be exposed to the virus. Chavez said several of the cases could be traced to travelers to the Philippines, where a large outbreak is occurring, and two had traveled to India, where measles is endemic.

He encouraged anyone who has not to get the measles vaccine. Of the

15 confirmed cases at least seven were individuals who had filed personal belief exceptions against obtaining the vaccine.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease spread through the air when someone who is ill with the disease coughs or sneezes. Symptoms begin with a fever that lasts for a couple of days, followed by a cough, a runny nose, red, watery eyes and rash. The rash typically appears first on the face, along the hairline and behind the ears, and then affects the rest of the body. Infected people are usually contagious for about eight days: four days before their rash starts and four days after.

Children are recommended to get their first dose of measles/mumps/rubella vaccine at 12 to 15 months old. The second

dose of MMR is usually administered before children start kindergarten at ages 4 to 6. Immunized adults do not need boosters. However, anyone born since 1957 who has not had two doses of vaccine may still be vulnerable to measles and should ask their doctor about getting immunized.

Chavez stressed that there is no support to the theories that the vaccine is harmful or links it to long-term problems such as autism.

Measles places a burden on public health officials, especially in the local counties. Every measles case must be investigated and individuals who may have been exposed to the virus have to be contacted and warned.

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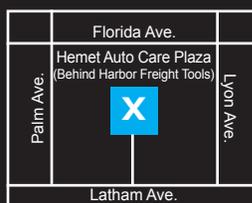
February water meeting canceled

The Pine Cove Water District Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12, was canceled. The next board meeting will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier, or email becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9 a.m. Town Hall.
Art & Activism Exhibit, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts Academy, Parks Exhibition Center.
Fireside Book Club, 2-3 p.m.; **Art With Saffron,** ages 6-9, 3-4:15 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
Keith McCabe, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Art & Activism Exhibit, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts Academy, Parks Exhibition Center.

Friday, Feb. 28

Art & Activism Exhibit, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts Academy, Parks Exhibition Center.
Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m., **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts,** 2:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Grumpy Old Men," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"Lone Survivor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Joann Tomsche hosted a mixed media workshop on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Idyllwild School. Attendees of the workshop learned to create art using wood, pieces of magazines, pictures, and trinkets.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

Saturday, March 1

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
"The LEGO Movie," 2 p.m.; **"Lone Survivor,"** 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Pedro & The Pages, 6:30-9 p.m. Higher Grounds Coffee House.

Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
Open Mic, Juls Phillips & Frankie Orlando, 7-10 p.m. JoAn's.

Sunday, March 2

Dr. Betty's Talk, "The Luck of the Irish," Violinist Dottie Goldfarb,

Monday, March 3

Idyllwild Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; **Children's story hour, "Dr. Seuss & Dental Health Month,"** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m. Town Hall.
"Lone Survivor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, March 4

Free Senior Wii, Idyllwild Garden Club March Soup-er, noon, Community Presbyterian Church.
"Lone Survivor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, March 5

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9 a.m. Town Hall.
Lemon Lily Reception, 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
Marshall Hawkins & Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"Lone Survivor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, March 6

"Lone Survivor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, March 7

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m., **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts,** 2:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Raising Arizona," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

Saturday, March 8

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Art Alliance of Idyllwild, Eye of the Artist, 6-9 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
Pedro & The Pages, 6:30-9 p.m. Higher Grounds Coffee House.
Open Mic, Juls Phillips & Frankie B. Good, 7-10 p.m. JoAn's.

Sunday, March 9

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Chess Club, 3-5:30 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.

Monday, March 10

Idyllwild Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; **Children's story hour, "A Starry, Starry Night,"** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m. Town Hall.

Tuesday, March 11

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m. Town Hall.

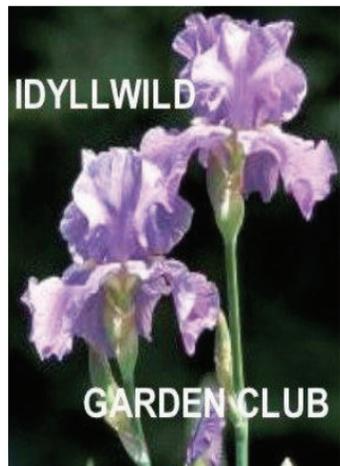
Elder and dependent care abuse

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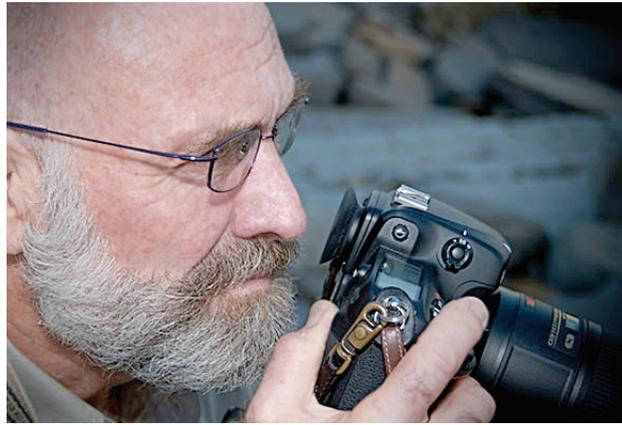
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Artist Ross-Clunis: No ordinary man

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Even as a kid, R.A. Ross-Clunis ("Ross") was anything but ordinary. "I hated school, I was terrible at it," Ross-Clunis said, but he was gifted mechanically. By the age of 9 or 10, he had built his first car, a wooden go-cart that reached speeds of up to 50 mph, "I was getting pulled over on the street all the time by the police trying to figure out what to do with me," Ross-Clunis said mischievously. By the age of 14 he purchased his first "real" car — a 1929 Roadster Pick-Up Truck Model A-4 — with the money saved from his paper route and restored it over several years. "It was old, rusted junk in someone's backyard; I bought it for \$65. I would drive it up and down the driveway, and when my parents weren't home, I would drive it around the block."

Ross-Clunis was into adventure in a big way. He purchased a 1936 wooden sloop sailboat that he restored and lived on, invented a self-steering system for sailboats (he owns the patent), "It's like auto pilot except it's truly mechanical," Ross-Clunis



Ross-Clunis has a unique combination of an art background and technical know-how; "I would like to be able to share that with other artists," he said. PHOTO COURTESY OF R.A. ROSS-CLUNIS

offers. And, in 1976, and he closed his business for six months and sailed from California to Hawaii. The success of his invention hastened the need to expand the company or sell it and Ross-Clunis opted for the latter. So he sold the business, purchased a better boat and went voyaging for a year and a half. In 1980, he and wife Millie sailed from Marina Del Rey to the Panama Canal to the Caribbean to Virginia.

Also during this time, he was racing motorcycles with wife Millie who shared his passion for the sport. The couple, Ross-Clunis driving and Millie in the sidecar, would reach

speeds of over 100 mph with Millie balancing just inches from the ground. Typically a man's sport, the pair placed in many races and had planned to attend a race in the Isle of Mann, one of the most prestigious races in Europe, before life intervened.

In 1984, Ross-Clunis started mountain biking for exercise and, on a lark, entered an amateur race. He won and off he went, immersing himself into the sport. A move to Albuquerque and entry into the Masters Division of mountain bike races ("it's a nice way to say old fart," Ross-Clunis laughs) resulted in him finishing first in points for the state of New Mexico in 1991 or 1992.

Mountain biking would be a high and low in Ross-Clunis' life. "I broke my neck up pretty badly so it is fused from C3 to C7. I was disabled from 1998 to 2006 and lived on my sailboat in San Pedro. It was cumulative damage from many falls." Waking up one morning he had a sharp pain through his chest, into his back and to his left arm, "I thought I

was having a heart attack," he said. "I had actually shattered the discs between C3, C4 and C5 and that allowed the vertebrae to collapse and cracked the vertebrae and then I had arthritic spurs and that jammed one of the spurs into my spinal column and that caused the paralysis." Ross-Clunis endured four painful surgeries over an eight year period.

His career as an artist bares his trademark energy, enthusiasm, and passion for learning that Ross-Clunis devoted to competitive sports. Quite simply, he excelled at everything that inspired him.

During a stint in the Naval Air Reserves he opted to study electronics despite failing every math class he ever took. His chosen course of study typically took a year and a half to

complete. "I found out that they would let me take the tests so I studied on my own and took a test every couple of days and I finished the whole year and a half of school in 2 months." A job as a repair tech for photocopy equipment with the Xerox Corporation followed but without a college degree, Ross-Clunis had no hope of advancement within the company. So he began taking night classes at Glendale Junior College while still working for Xerox. "One of the times I had gone in to register, I was a little late to get some of the classes I wanted, there happened to be a technical illustration, a display, in the hallway and I was intrigued by it for some reason, these really neat illustrations of mechanical things. I found out there was a fine arts

See Ross-Clunis, next page

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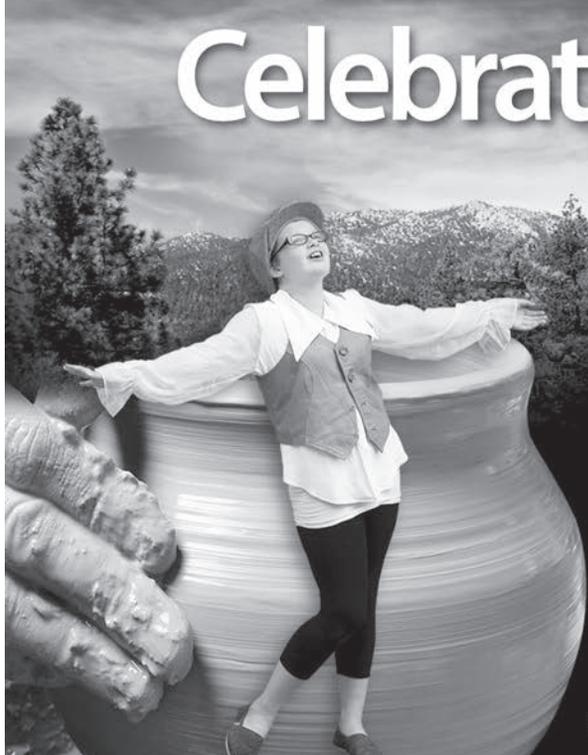
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Ross-Clunis

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drawing class and a technical illustration class and I had no idea what either one of those were," he said. "I took these two classes and it just turned my life around."

Earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles and working as a full-time instructor at Disney's California Institute of the Arts in Valencia – he managed three on-campus shop facilities, and taught classes in 3D Design, Materials & Methods and Composite's Technology – prepared Ross-Clunis for

his career as an artist; a technically minded artist at that. His work reflects his expertise in product development, 3D CAD Solid Modeling and computer systems. (Yes, he built the "monster" computer he uses in his studio.)

Since 1998, Ross-Clunis has worked in digital fine arts creating original Giclee (inkjet) prints he develops in a digital format. His prints are often combined with hand-painted acrylics which give them the depth, texture and the classic feel of a painting but with an accuracy and truth found in a photograph. Photographer John Pacheco, a student Ross-Clunis



mentors, offers "it's like a modern twist on a classical painting." Ross-Clunis uses a WACOM digitizer tablet and a hand-held electronic brush (stylus) to achieve his painterly look. All of his images are 100% hand processed. He also creates reproductions of his original works that include

non-digital sketches and paintings.

Ross-Clunis also operates a large format fine arts printing business. "If a person comes in with a painting I first find out what their goal is, and then I create these proof prints that they come in and look at. If they approve of it, I

have them sign the print," he explains. "I guarantee satisfaction. If I can't create a proof that they are happy with then I don't charge them anything. It has never happened so far." Ross-Clunis has scanned pieces that are as large as five feet high and three feet wide. "If they [the artist] don't want to sell their original or they are waiting for the right price, they can still sell representations of what they have done at much lower prices." Ross-Clunis has worked with local artist Judith Schonebaum on several occasions. "I just did a print for one of her pieces and she swears that the print I did for her looks better than the original painting," he laughs. "I get a big kick out of her, she's very, very talented."

Working with the Art Alliance, Ross-Clunis was instrumental in the production of the banners for the 17 participating Idyllwild organizations. "To get that many people in a room from so many

Ross-Clunis' studio is "command central" for the many projects he undertakes. He uses only the finest museum quality canvas and fine art papers in his work.

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R.A. ROSS-CLUNIS

organizations at one time was historical for us," he said. Shanna Robb served on the banner committee and said without Ross-Clunis, the program would still be a dream. "He is my guru," Robb said.

Ross-Clunis feels enriched by Idyllwild. "Just being in an environment where there are so many creative people; everywhere you go there are incredible musicians, and poets all over the place, it's a nice, friendly supportive environment," he said. "I just wish there was more, I wish there was more interaction. I would love to have get-togethers with other artists and presentations by other artists talking about the kind of work they do and what motivates them and how they go about doing things. The more you interact with other artists the more enthusiasm and creativity it inspires," Ross-Clunis said.

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Free bird identification app

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has released a free iPhone app to help people identify 285 birds in North America. Created with support from the National Science Foundation, the app asks just five questions, then displays photos of birds that match the user's description, customized to the location and time of year.

"We named the app 'Merlin' because of its uncanny, almost magical, way of guessing which bird you saw," says the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Jessie Barry, whose team created the app with partner Birds in the Hand.

It also displays photos, ID tips, sounds and range maps for each species.

The Merlin Bird ID app can now be downloaded from the App Store. The Cornell Lab plans to release Merlin for Android and online use in the coming months and to continue adding more species.

Mobile health van coming to town

A Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic is bringing free health care services to Idyllwild at Town Hall, usually the second Wednesday of every month.

Services include general medical exams, sick-child visits and health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and vision.

These services are offered to people who do not have health insurance.

The next event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. For more information, call 951-486-5765.

Special election for state senator

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued a proclamation declaring a special election for the 23rd California Senate District on June 3, 2014. The primary for this special election is March 25, 2014.

The seat's vacancy occurred with the Dec. 1 resignation of Sen. Bill Emmerston.

Intra-district enrollment open

The Hemet Unified School District's Intra-District Transfers Open Enrollment period for the 2014-15 school year is Jan. 1 to March 1, 2014. During that period, parents may apply to transfer their children to a different school.

HUSD policy allows children to continue their current enrollment at their school through the highest grade level offered without having to re-apply annually for their transfer.

Parents may pick up an information letter and application at any district school or at the Centralized Registration Office, 2085 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet. Applications must be submitted on or before March 1.

District officials stress that limited space is available and those students who live within a school's attendance area will have priority.

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County waives fees, attracts film crews

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

In a move designed to bring Hollywood back to Riverside County, Supervisors Jeff Stone and Jon Benoit co-authored a revision to Ordinance 634 granting a variety of fee waivers to film crews.

The EDA was directed by the Board of Supervisors to review the county's film ordinance in an effort to encourage the return of film and television production crews in the 28 cities that make up Riverside County. The Ordinance, No. 634.2, was approved by the California State Film Commission and provides for significant cost reductions in filming

in unincorporated areas of the county. Included in the revisions are elimination of the Film Permit Fee, waiver of TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) for 48 months, free use of county facilities, an expedited permit process, and designation of a film industry contact.

Stephanie Stethem, Film and TV Liaison, is that contact person. "When I heard that the supervisors passed the ordinance saying they were going to be forming a film office, I thought 'hey I'd like to do that.'" Since the ordinance passed, Stethem has seen an increase in filming in Idyllwild. "We have already issued three permits for Idyllwild," Stethem said.

According to Dan Taylor, Deputy Director of the Inland Empire Film Commission, the overall effects of the program that began in Oct. 2013 on the county economy will not be known for a year or two. "It is the first time for any county to do this," he said. "Our hope and goal is to make a major difference." Both Stethem and Taylor agree that once crews complete filming they often return to the location for short getaways or longer vacations; the impact to these cities goes beyond just the filmmaking itself. "The crews are not only staying during the shoot, they also eat at the restaurants and shop at the local shops," said Stethem.

Currently, Permit applications may be accessed online at http://filminlandempire.com/permits/documents/Riverside_County_Film_Permit.pdf. Stethem advises that within the next two weeks the application will be online on their new website, www.RCFILMTV.org. The permit process can be as quick as three days, but with road closures the process can take up to a week. In every instance, Stethem advises, they process the permits as quickly as possible.

"Prospects for the film industry are exciting," said Supervisor Stone. "We anticipate a good economic development and a great partnership with film industry."

AAI fundraiser celebrates 'Whimsy'

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild will host "Eye of the Artist," a judged show and fundraiser set for Saturday, March 8 at The Rainbow Inn located at 54420 S. Circle Drive in Idyllwild, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Original works of art based on the theme "Whimsy" will be donated by a variety of artists. Tickets can be purchased starting at \$2 each for a chance to win some of the amazing artwork that will be part of the show. All artwork is donated by local artists. The public views the artwork and purchases "opportunity" tickets which can be placed directly towards the piece of art favored by the guest.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and wine and is open to the public. One of two fundrais-

ers AAI hosts annually, the money raised will fund a variety of AAI annual projects including end-of-year scholarships for local youth, public art projects and other AAI events and will allow the organization to bring more art to the community.

AAI President, Gary Kuscher is optimistic about show attendance. "The way the weather has been there won't be a problem with the snow like we had last year. We're looking forward to more people attending this year, and we're expecting a very successful event," Kuscher said. "If you'd like another chance at winning a miniature deer, there will be one in the show."

Artists wishing to donate are encouraged to register with AAI on its website at www.artinidyllwild.org.

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Auditions for theater troupe

The Stratford Players, an Idyllwild theater troupe, is holding acting auditions.

One purpose is to meet cast members for shows in the remainder of 2014 that include Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana" and the annual Shakespeare selections in "Will in the Woods." Mostly, however, the purpose is to cast a net for the undiscovered talent that is suspected lurking in Idyllwild and surrounding

communities.

Stratford Players is now in its second year in Idyllwild after an initial two seasons in Hemet. The troupe's work includes both comedy and drama, as well as ancient and modern works. Future productions under discussion include "The Importance of Being Ernest," Euripides' "Medea" and the wild British farce "Run for Your Wife."

Performances are at the Caine Learning Center as well

as on the outdoor stage at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church.

Auditions are at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Idyllwild Library Community Room. Auditioners are to prepare a two-minute monologue from the play of their choice, be prepared to do a

cold reading from a script and bring a picture of themselves.

To learn more about Stratford and view images from past productions, visit www.stratfordplayers.com. Direct any questions to Artistic Director Marsha Kennedy at bzprsn@aol.com.



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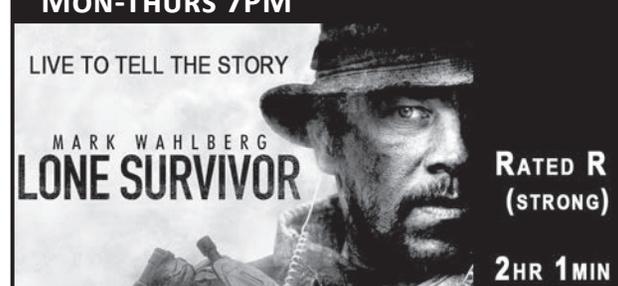
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County budget assumes little revenue growth

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Riverside County Executive Officer Jay Orr began his mid-year review report to the Board of Supervisors describing the optimism in Gov. Jerry Brown's recent 2014-15 budget submission, but didn't portray the same enthusiasm for the county's next budget.

The county's fiscal situation, while better than the past five years, only improves at a snail's pace. Even though broader economic indicators, such as the county unemployment rate, slowly improve, Orr said, "Factoring out on-time receipts from solar projects and other anomalies, next year's projected sales and use tax revenue is also flat. Consequently, my office has tempered our revenue projections for the next four years."

Orr projected the value of assessed properties, the basis for the property tax revenue, will increase less than half a percent from this year. Halfway through the fiscal year, recording of documents is 13 percent less than a year; but new building permits have grown 20 percent.

Besides the tepid revenue growth, Riverside County still faces three expanding revenue. The deficit for the

county's Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley continues to grow — from \$50 million in October to the current estimate of \$55 million in January.

In early November, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Huron Consulting Services to advise the hospital management on potential savings and efficiencies. In its first report, Huron said it had identified several changes that would save millions. A workshop for the board was scheduled for this past Tuesday, Feb. 25 to discuss possible actions to place a tourniquet on the bleeding facility, which will eventually lead to its full recovery.

"From a bean counter's point of view, I don't feel good until I have a plan for when the funds will arrive," Chief Financial Officer Ed Corser told the board. "What happens after breaking even with Obamacare? We have to build a competent structure to compete as an ongoing concern."

Orr stressed that the consultant would offer recommendations on changing and improving the center's payer mix. "It's one of the worse payer mixes," he charged.

Even without the medical center issue, Orr said, "We could have a very substantial obligation — \$50 million or

more. If we weren't doing this, the problem is not going away."

A commitment to fund public safety programs is another demand on the county's limited resources. Bringing the ratio of sheriff's deputies to 1.2 deputies per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas of the county, such as the Hill, will eventually cost another \$21 million for 148 new staff.

Besides future staffing, the Sheriff's Department is projecting a \$35 million deficit this fiscal year, a \$4 million improvement from October. But Corser reminded the board that it is not a surprise and will ultimately depend upon the ability to hire more deputies. The Executive's Office is prepared to fix the budget later in the fiscal year when the size of the deficit is more certain.

Building new jail capacity and then staffing it is already on horizon. Corser assured the board that the public-safety sales tax revenue, authorized by Proposition

172, is being reserved for the costs (\$50 million) associated with opening and staffing the East County Detention Center in Indio, which is expected to be completed in 2016.

The new facility, for which the county received a \$100-million state grant to partially pay for its construction, will increase the number of beds from 353 to 1,626.

With a county staff level of nearly 20,000 employees, the projected salary increase for 2014-15 is estimated to exceed \$77 million. Already Orr and Corser have told department heads, with the exception of the sheriff and fire, to plan to absorb these increases next fiscal year.

"But it's difficult to rebuild programs when they have to absorb salary increases," Corser acknowledged.

"It's important for me what that means and how it impacts residents in the unincorporated areas," Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (1st District) responded.

FVWD comfortable with current water supply

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Fern Valley Water District customers will feel no immediate effect from the statewide drought, according to General Manager Steve Erler.

"We're easily meeting our demands now," Erler told the FVWD Board of Directors last Friday. "If the drought persists, we'll assess as we move into spring and summer."

FVWD wells showed little change during January. Surprisingly, the ground-water level for Well no. 11 actually rose nearly 20 inches. However, other wells incurred moderate drops in ground-water levels.

In December, only 7 percent of FVWD's water came from wells. With creek flow diminished, the vast majority was supplied from its storage. While concerned about replenishing this storage, Erler said, "I feel we'll get some moisture, possibly this week. So starting in March through May, we'll rebuild storage."

"We can hope for a March miracle," said President Robert Krieger. "While

the forecasts are not favorable, maybe the weather will fool us and a repeat of 1991 or 1998 [will occur]."

In other water business, Erler said American Leak Detection wanted to test some new equipment and volunteered to test it in an area within FVWD's distribution system.

"They found several small leaks, which staff had heard, but couldn't pinpoint," Erler said. After the repairs, several leaks totaling 7 gallons per minute were eliminated.

Krieger recommended that Erler obtain an estimate for a complete system-wide review.

Erler also reported that the district, in cooperation with Idyllwild Fire Protection District, would paint fire hydrants different colors based on their flow capacity.

"The color-code system is the most efficient means for fire personal to quickly determine which tactics they should use and how best to supply themselves with water," he said. FVWD has about 200 hydrants.

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Hemet school board meets March 4

The regular Hemet Unified School District Governing Board's open meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4.

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Tom Lynch new Idyllwild Water manager

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Tom Lynch of Norwalk, is the new general manager for Idyllwild Water District. Retired General Manager Terry Lyons, who started in October 2003, has led the search for his successor for the past several months.

At their Feb. 19 meeting, directors unanimously approved Lynch's selection. His first day with the water district was Monday, Feb. 24.

Lynch is the former assistant city manager of Norwalk, a Los Angeles County suburb of more than 100,000. He is a part-time professor in the Business Management programs of both the University of Southern California and California State University, Los Angeles. Lynch is an inventor and created and built a water district in his youth. He moved into his Hill residence Sunday evening.

This was Lyons' last board meeting and directors described it as bittersweet and wished him and his family well in retirement.

"I'm looking forward to the retirement," Lyons said. "We will always have the wonderful memories [of] living in Idyllwild. It's definitely an amazing community."

In water business, Lyons reported that IWD remains in a Stage 2 water emergency. Foster Lake is still empty and flow in Strawberry

Creek is virtually nil, so no water has been diverted to the lake.

The ground-water level of wells near Foster Lake has dropped nearly 3 feet in the past month. However, the ground-water level of some district wells, such as at the Nature Center, has risen in the same period.

In the midst of the statewide drought, IWD is able to expand its water supply. A filter recently purchased for \$2,300 will be installed for the Oakwood Well, which the district purchased in 2010, said Lyons. With this equipment, the Department of Health will approve the well's addition to IWD's distribution system, thus adding another 35 gallons per minute to the system.

In January, IWD water production of 6.3 million gallons was 2 million gallons or 24 percent fewer than January 2013. Despite the drought, water production was still higher than January from 2010 through 2012.

However, unaccounted-for water losses were 9 percent in January, an increase of 0.3 percent over 8.7 percent in December, which is about 2.1 percent more than the average for the past year. Director John Cook asked about the value of this lost water and Lyons replied that it's about \$6,100.

Lyons attributed this to leaks on Deerfoot and Maranatha, which have been repaired and the loss should



On his first day at Idyllwild Water District, **Tom Lynch** (left), the new general manager, shakes hands with **Terry Lyons**, who is retiring after more than 10 years with the district.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

be smaller next month.

The recently completed income survey confirmed the board's belief that state Department of Water Resources' data overestimated the income level of IWD's customers. The California Rural Water Association, which conducted the survey for IWD, affirmed that IWD would be able to qualify as a "disadvantaged community. The classification will

improve IWD's chances to qualify for more state grant money to fund the construction of the proposed recycling facility.

In a business note, the district announced a settlement of its litigation with former Auditor Controller Jim Ludy. IWD will pay him \$100,000, according to Lyons.

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Concurrent bald eagle counts are held at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Silverwood, Lake Perris and Lake Hemet. Volunteers are stationed at vantage points around the lakes, where they watch for bald eagles during a one-hour period on the count mornings. Volunteers record their observations on maps and data sheets.

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The placebo effect ... my personal story ...

As some of you know, I am one of the 25 million people nationwide who suffer from asthma. Recently I had



a major scare at the gym when, after a very intense workout, I started feeling the symptoms of an asthma attack coming. Only then did I remember that I was out of my medication.

I debated whether to pay the cost of going to the emergency room or wait and go to free clinic the next day. Yes, this happened before Jan. 1, when I still had no medical insurance.

After a very rough night, I went to the clinic the next day and got my new inhaler. As I was leaving I noticed a flyer for an asthma study testing the effectiveness of albuterol — the medication most asthma sufferers use — in powder form instead of spray.

I volunteered and was told by one of the doctors that there was a 90 percent chance I would get study medication and a 10 percent chance I would get the inactive or placebo.

So I was instructed to make sure to always have my personal inhaler with me at all times. I was directed to only use the study medication once when I woke up. If I didn't have my regular inhaler with me during asthma exacerbation since the reported side effects of the study medication were headaches.

The study lasted one month and during that time I felt so reassured and stress-free that I only needed to use my personal inhaler seven times during the study as opposed to 20 times during a typical month. I used the study medication as directed.

I did feel a slight headache for a few minutes after use, it was tolerable and worth it since I now had access to two inhalers in case of an emergency.

When I reported at the end of the study, the doctor asked me, "So how did everything go?" I said, "Awesome. My workouts were the best they ever were. Cold and stress, which usually trigger my asthma, did not have much of an impact of me, and the headaches were mild".

Without skipping a beat the doctor replied, "That's good to hear Hector, considering you got the inactive medication".

As I picked up my jaw from the floor, he proceeded to explain they were also conducting a separate study on the placebo effects on people who fit the criteria of chronic medical conditions — such as myself — since I am categorized as chronic asthmatic.

He explained that the actual percentage of those in my category who got the placebo instead of the real medication was 50/50 instead of 90/10 for the rest.

So why did I feel the reported symptoms every time I used it? Why did my asthma improve drastically that month even though my daily routine remained the same?

As the doctor explained, "There is one mystery that everyone, scientist or not, is desperate to understand and that is the power of the mind".

I should have smelled something was up since nothing we discussed was ever put in writing, he never took notes, and he never called in to check on me as they do in other studies I have been a part of.

The good news is, I contributed to scientific research, got some money out of it and he gave me a real inhaler to use when mine runs out ... hmmm or did he?

CBD files lawsuit to protect frog's habitat

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of the Interior Wednesday, Feb. 12, for failing to develop a recovery plan for Southern California's mountain yellow-legged frogs. Although the frogs have been protected under the Endangered Species Act for more than a decade, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has yet to complete the legally required recovery plan.

In the papers filed with the court, CBD stated that FWS is legally responsible to prepare and implement a recovery plan and has a policy to complete the plans within two-and-half years of listing a species as endangered or threatened.

The failure to complete the plan is unlawful, CBD charged. It wants the U.S. District Court of Central California to order FWS to comply with the ESA and complete the recovery plan.

According to CBD, the ultimate goal of the ESA is not only to temporarily save endangered and

threatened species from extinction, but also to recover these species to the point where they no longer need ESA protection. The recovery plan is a blueprint for actions that would promote recovery and identify goals for the frog's conservation. This is a critical component of the species' survival because scientific studies show that species with recovery plans are much more likely to recover than species without.

Despite the absence of a plan, efforts to re-establish the mountain yellow-legged frog have been ongoing on the Hill for several years. Researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey's Western Ecological Research Center in Santa Ana and the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research have been breeding captive frogs and releasing eggs and, last spring, tadpoles in several local streambeds, primarily on the University of California's James Reserve.

However, threats to the species' recovery sometimes are beyond the scope of a plan. The Mountain Fire in

July burned through several frog habitats and run-off and debris impinged the habitat, according to the Forest Service's Burned-area Report.

The report concluded that the probability of damage or loss to the frog's habitat in the Tahquitz watershed was very likely. However, the authors speculated that the increased sediment in the stream channels would not create irreversible damage. In summary, it said, the fire's results will be "significantly negatively impacting the MYLF population in the Tahquitz watershed."

"The remaining seven [of nine in Southern California] populations remains at an extreme risk of fire and could be exposed to impacts from fire management activities in the future. This is the most significant risk to the habitat of the Southern California [distinct population segment] of mountain yellow-legged frog," CBD's filing to the court stated.

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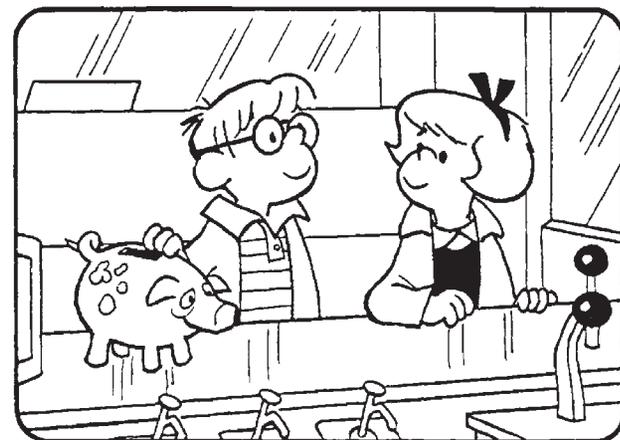
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 Architect designed home in Fern Valley with bridge over creek to entrance. Two story with 2 BR and office plus 2 BA. \$1200/Mo.

Room for rent, \$450/mo.
 Pvt. bath and entrance, all utilities included, Wi-Fi internet, and kitchen privileges. \$450 deposit and good credit, no pets, no smoking. Room is in a 2000 sq. ft. home on Saunders Meadow Rd. near AstroCamp. Call or Txt. (323) 807-1085.

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54060 Strawberry Valley
 Dr. Idyllwild. Unit 3. Charming guest home, 1 BR, 1 BA, custom woodwork. Two decks; excellent location, walk to elementary school and town. Util. not included. \$700/mo. Available now.
Bonita casa, 1 recamara, 1 baño, excelente ubicacion, cerca de escuela Primaria.
 1-760-435-9253.

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- 1 Stately dance
 - 6 Spice blend in Indian cuisine
 - 12 Nut in a toxic shell
 - 13 "I, Robot" author
 - 14 Acid neutralizer
 - 15 Abrade
 - 16 Disorder
 - 17 Reverberate
 - 19 In medias —
 - 20 Early pulpit
 - 22 Skater
 - 24 Babilonia
 - 24 Carnival city
 - 27 Exceptional
 - 29 Make a splash
 - 32 He sang "Alison" and "Veronica"
 - 35 Took off
 - 36 Recognize
 - 37 Peculiar
 - 38 Theater ticket datum
 - 40 Teensy bit
 - 42 Feedbag tidbit
 - 44 Vaulted recess
 - 46 Ellipse
 - 50 Lowly worker
 - 52 With optimism
 - 54 More goose-bump-inducing
 - 55 Dr. Scholl's product
 - 56 Least bananas
 - 57 As a coquette would
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 - 1 Corduroy ridge
 - 2 Requests
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 - 5 Dry, crisp bread
 - 6 Pulverize
 - 7 Foppish neckwear
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 - 9 Texas city
 - 10 Easy bounding gait
 - 11 Birds, to Brutus
 - 12 Video maker, for short
 - 18 Long, blunt cigars
 - 21 " — Doubtfire"
 - 23 Mimic
 - 24 Gridiron arbiter
 - 25 Under the weather
 - 26 Flip
 - 28 Not widely known
 - 30 Antiquated
 - 31 Spacecraft compartment
 - 33 Altar affirmative
 - 34 Seesaw quorum
 - 39 Pay
 - 41 Unlike rolling stones?
 - 42 Poets' tributes
 - 43 Neighborhood
 - 45 Saucy
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 - 49 Caustic solution
 - 51 "Trivial Pursuit" need
 - 53 John's Yoko

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Riverside County on Jan. 28, 2014.

FILE NO.:

R-2014-00887

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CERTIFICATION

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BOB DOUGLAS PRODUCTIONS, 54415 Live Oak Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1662, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ROBERT DOUGLAS SCAVARDA, 54415 Live Oak Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549, VICTOR JOSEPH SCAVARDA, 54415 Live Oak Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by Co-partners. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: ROBERT DOUGLAS SCAVARDA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of

LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk

By: L. Montes, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE ELEPHANT WALK HOME STORE, 91 Suez, Palm Springs, CA 92264, Riverside County. ROBERT LEO CARIE, 91 Suez, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

See Legals, next page

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Take time from your busy schedule to check out what's going on around you. You might find that someone has been secretly trying to pull the wool over those beautiful Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Once again, the Bovine's boldness pays off in uncovering the source of a disturbing workplace situation. Your personal life calls for patience, as a certain matter plays itself out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Forget about going all out to impress someone in your personal life. Just being yourself is all that matters. A workplace decision will need more time. Don't rush into it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some supersensitive Crabs might take offense at what they perceive as a slight. But a closer look points to a simple misunderstanding. The weekend holds a welcome surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Sure, you can roar your head off over someone's failure to keep a promise. But the wiser course would be to ask why it happened. Be prepared for an answer that might well surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A developing relationship needs time to find its direction. So please be patient and resist pushing things along. A recently cooled-down workplace situation could heat up again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations.

Your well-thought-out proposal seems to be working. Someone who hasn't agreed with you on most things in the past could turn out to be one of your major supporters.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things seem to be going well. However, you can still expect criticism — some of it pretty heavy. But as long as you can back up your position, you'll be able to rise above it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting together with people who care for you is a great way to get that ego boost you might feel you need at this time. Things start to look brighter by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You should be able to continue with your plans once you get past those temporary delays. Surprise, surprise. An offer to help comes from a most unlikely source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing your tasks is important this week because of all those demands you have to deal with. The pressure eases in time for you to enjoy the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Save your energy and stay focused on what has to be done, despite all those distractions you're likely to face. You should see some evidence of real progress by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a generous, giving person who is always ready, willing and more than able to help others in need.

Legals

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Signed:
ROBERT LEO CARIE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 24, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-00794
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 24, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 24 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as GROWING GREENER, 32052 Corte Soledad, Temecula, CA 92592, Riverside County. CARL STEVEN HOHLWECK, 32052 Corte Soledad, Temecula, CA 92592.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
CARL S. HOHLWECK
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 22, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-00704
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 22, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 22 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Gonzales, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as CAFE AROMA, 54750 North Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1295, Idyllwild, CA 92549. HUBERT ---- HALKIN, 54805 River Dr. Box 3010, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2001 (March).
Signed:
HUBERT HALKIN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 28, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-00891
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 28, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 28, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Gutierrez, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as IDYLLRAW BY REGINA, 54423 Village Center Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1319, Idyllwild, CA 92549. REGINA ELISE CARON, 52555 Idyllmont, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on January 29, 2014.
Signed:
REGINA ELISE CARON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 3, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-01046
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 3, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 3, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2014.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following fictitious business name MOUNTAIN PAW'S, 54385 N. Circle Drive, Unit A, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County has been abandoned by the following person: SCOPE CONSTRUCTION CONSULTING INC., 54385 N. Circle Drive, Unit A, Idyllwild, CA, 92549, A California Corporation.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 01/31/2011.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Signed:
FRANCES DIANE THOMPSON
Secretary/Treasurer
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 31, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2011-01174
CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2014.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRIS A. HACHEM
Case No. INP 1400074
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRIS A. HACHEM.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DONN POWERS in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONN POWERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination

in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/13/2014 at 8:45a.m. in Dept. 1A located at 46200 Oasis Street, Indio, California 92201.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
MICHAEL C. CONTI, ESQ
BLOOM & RUDIBAUGH
901 S. STATE STREET, STE 100
HEMET, CA 92543
951-652-1400
Pub. TC: Feb. 13, 20, 27, 2014

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETHANY A. BARNHART
Case No. RPI1400032
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Bethany A. Barnhart.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Barnhart in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael Barnhart be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 26, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 08 located at 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner:
24139 STATE HIGHWAY 74
PERRIS, CA 92570
951-565-0085
Pub. TC: Feb. 13, 20, 27, 2014

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as PUMPERNICKEL GALLERY, 2608 S. Cherokee Way, Palm Springs, CA 92264, Riverside County. STEFAN ADAIR ARNOLD, 16-445 Wide Canyon Rd, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
STEFAN ARNOLD
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 4, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-00319
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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Duenas, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as CHRISTINE ARNOLD PHOTOGRAPHY, 16445 Wide Canyon Rd, Sky Valley, CA 92241, Riverside County. CHRISTINE ARNOLD (LORRAINE), 16445 Wide Canyon Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 1999.
Signed:
CHRISTINE ARNOLD
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 4, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-00318
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: M. Duenas, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as SOMEWHERE IN TIME IDY, 54385 North Circle Drive, Unit "C", Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1971, Idyllwild, CA 92549. LAURA KRISTEN POSSELT, 53958 Marian View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
LAURA KRISTEN POSSELT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 06, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-00345
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Duenas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as BETTER BEVERAGES 4U, 52541 Sunset Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 2205, Idyllwild, CA 92549. WILLIAM BARRY LATISLAW, 52541 Sunset Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
WILLIAM B LATISLAW
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 30, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-01005
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
LAURA KRISTEN POSSELT
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This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 30, 2014.

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County Clerk
By: L. Montes, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as COYOTE RED'S, 54225 North Circle Drive, 5D-9, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 668, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JOHN EDWARD STONITSCH, 26350 Delano Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
JOHN EDWARD STONITSCH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 20, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-01665
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 20, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 20, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Ordinance No. 8
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